

# The Barton Center for Diabetes Education, Inc.

## COVID PROTOCOLS FOR SUMMER 2022 AS OF 3/4/22

### PLEASE NOTE: THESE PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSARY.

The Barton Center for Diabetes Education takes standards for hygiene and cleanliness very seriously and is taking additional steps to protect our campers, families, and staff. Our health and safety measures are designed to address a broad spectrum of viruses, including COVID-19, and include everything from handwashing hygiene and cleaning product specifications to the cleaning of program equipment and watercraft.

The purpose of this plan is to develop and implement a strategy to operate summer camp programs while preventing the spread and outbreak of COVID-19. We are closely monitoring government policy changes and are implementing many regulations from the American Camp Association (ACA) Operations Field Guide, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines, mandates from the state of Massachusetts, and our local health officials. **We will continue to make changes, as necessary or appropriate, to our protocols and procedures to ensure our due diligence in making The Barton Center a viable and safe option for our families this season. We encourage you to check our website and your emails for the most up-to-date protocols prior to camp as any further changes will be posted on our website, and last-minute modifications will be emailed to you. Please contact The Barton Center directly with any COVID related questions prior to the start of camp.**

#### **Capacity Modification**

Enrollment capacity and cabin capacity will be based on the ability to maintain 3 foot distance while masked and 6 foot social distance when unmasked within buildings and emergency shelter locations per DPH guidelines. Each cabin will be considered a cohort per DPH guidelines.

#### **Facility Upgrades**

The Barton Center will be adding handwashing stations, hand sanitizers at activity areas, one-way trails to reduce walking opposite directions of other groups of campers, Winex air cleaners in each cabin, closure of high contact surface program areas, and additional upgrades to meet local and state building and health department guidelines. In addition to upgrades, we plan to increase circulation of outdoor air within buildings (via windows, doors, fans) as much as possible, unless doing so creates a hazard.

#### **Program Cancellations**

Public health conditions may change over the summer in a way that requires camp sessions to be canceled. We will monitor reports about infection rates and consult with local and state officials.

#### **Vaccination status**

Based on the newly expanded age eligibility for the COVID vaccination, all campers and staff will be required to be FULLY vaccinated prior to the start of camp. Per CDC definition, full vaccination begins two weeks after the second vaccine dose has been received. No exceptions to this requirement will be made. If your camper tests positive prior to the start of any camp, despite vaccination, please contact The Barton Center for further instructions.

#### **Opening Day**

**Check-In:** Staff will contact you to schedule a zoom check-in meeting the week prior to camp. You will then be given a scheduled time and location for drop off. **Please ensure you have sent in ALL required confirmation paperwork prior to your zoom meeting, including a copy of camper's covid vaccination card.** If we do not have all required paperwork on file at the time of this meeting, your camper will not be allowed to attend camp.

**Opening day drop off is by appointment only:** Please arrive at the scheduled time and designated area provided to you. **Upon arrival on opening day, everyone must remain in the vehicle.** Everyone in the vehicle must be wearing a mask. After a health screening, quick health updates, and collection of all medications, a staff member

will take your camper and their belongings to the cabin and help your child settle in. You will not be allowed to accompany your camper to their cabin, please say all good-byes prior to your drop-off appointment.

### **Opening Day Screening**

#### ***Upon arrival at camp:***

- Staff will perform symptom checks for all campers.
- Parent/Guardian will fill out the Camper Health Screening form to confirm their child and anyone in their household has not experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the last 24 hours and that their child is not required to be in COVID-19 isolation or quarantine.
- Parent/Guardian must sign a written attestation regarding any household contacts to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or if they have given their child any fever reducing medication.

### **Closing Day**

**As with drop off, pick up will be by appointment only.** You will be given a designated pick-up area and time when you drop off your child. Please remain in your vehicle when you arrive. Staff will assist campers in packing and will bring campers to your vehicle. You will receive an email with all your child's camp medical information within two hours of camp departure.

### **Cabin Cohorts**

Cabins will be their own cohort. Cohorts cannot comingle with each other, must maintain appropriate social distancing while at camp, and will remain consistent for the entirety of the program. Each cabin will have their own designated health care and counselor staff.

### **Masks (Adult/Children)**

Masks are not required while eating, sleeping, swimming or on mask breaks. No gator masks are allowed. The Barton Center will supply disposable masks, and new masks will be provided to all campers and staff if needed or if a mask gets lost or soiled.

### **Physical Distancing**

Campers and staff will maintain 6 feet of physical distancing between themselves when unmasked, and 3 feet while masked.

### **Daily Screening**

Staff will perform daily symptom checks for all campers. A rapid COVID-19 test will be administered to any camper exhibiting any symptoms or running a fever/temperature.

### **Sick camper or staff**

If a child exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19 illness while at a Barton program, a rapid COVID test will be administered, and the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up the child. The child will be isolated in the camp's healthcare center/infirmery until pick up. If results of a rapid test are positive, the parents/guardians of all campers in the cohort of the ill child will be notified and asked to pick up their children as well. The children in the cohort will also be isolated until pick up. If test results are inconclusive, a second rapid test will be administered. Parents will be notified via email of any positive COVID-19 cases at a Barton program. If your child is impacted (tests positive or a close contact tests positive), you will be called by a health care member.

### **Activities**

We will clean surfaces and equipment in accordance with CDC guidance, including the cleaning of high touch surfaces twice per day. Cabins will do all activities as their cabin group. Outdoor spaces will be used for most actives and less actives unless it is raining. For rainy days, campers will be in their cabins or rotate through larger indoor areas. Each cabin will have a box of art supplies and games that they can use inside their cabin. Campers will swim every other day.

## **Lost and Found Policy**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Barton Center is limiting items held in lost and found, after each camp session ends. We want to be mindful of safe storage space and how to prevent exposure of staff and campers from items, week to week.

### **Camp will only hold the following specific list of items:**

jackets/sweatshirts; sleeping bags, blankets, pillows; prescription glasses; durable medical equipment; prescription medication; diabetes supplies and equipment; shoes (not water shoes or sandals); backpacks  
Camp will keep these items for no longer than two weeks from the end of the session, after which, these items will be donated or thrown away. Please note that these items will be held at the discretion of camp staff. Items that are soiled, damaged, or otherwise deemed not able to be safely stored will be disposed of.

### **Camp will not hold the following specific list of items:**

socks and underwear, all toiletries and toiletry bags, all swim gear including swimsuits and goggles, hats, t-shirts, pants, shorts, pajamas washcloths and towels, water shoes including sandals, water bottles, sunglasses, flashlights and headlamps, toys, cameras, arts and crafts projects including tie dye